

enough to deal in them. (To Kdunmd Randolph, 1792. F. VI., 112.)

HAMILTON.—Hamilton, is really a colossus to the anti-Republican party. Without numbers he is a host within himself. They have got themselves into a defile where they might be finished; but too much security on the Republican part will give time to his talents and indefatigableness to extricate them. We have had only middling performances to oppose him. In truth when he comes forward there is nobody but yourself who can meet him. (To James Madison, 1795. R VII., 32.)

HAMILTON.—I do not at all wonder at the condition in which the finances of the United States are found. Hamilton's object from the beginning was to throw them into forms which should be utterly indecipherable. I ever said he did not understand their condition himself nor was able to give a clear view of the excess of our debts beyond our credits, nor whether we were diminishing or increasing the debt, * * * If Mr. (Jallatin would undertake to reduce this chaos to order, present us with a clear view of our finances and put them in a form as simple as they will admit he will merit immortal honor. The accounts of the United States ought to be and may be made as simple as those of a common farmer and capable of being understood by common farmers. (To James Madison, 1796. F, VII., 61.)

HAMILTON.—Hamilton set out on a different plan. In order that he might have the entire government of his machine, he determined so to complicate it as that neither the President or Congress should be able to understand it, or to control him. He succeeded in doing this, not only beyond their reach, but so that he at length could not unravel it himself. He gave to the debt, in the first instance, in funding it, the most artificial and mysterious form he could devise. He then moulded up his appropriations of a number of scraps and remnants, many of which were nothing at all, and applied them to different objects in reversion and remainder, until the whole system was involved in impenetrable fog", and while he was giving himself the airs of providing for the payment of the debt, he left himself free